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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 December 2003.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
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DETAILED ACTION

Receipt is acknowledged of applicant's Oath filed 12/8/2003.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ghosal (USPN 6,124,268).
3. Ghosal discloses compositions comprising cosmetically, pharmaceutically or nutritionally acceptable carriers (examples 8-16) and an extract of *Emblica officinalis* comprising low molecular weight hydrolysable tannins within the range of about 0.1% to about 40% (examples 8-11 and 13 and claim 10) for use as a cosmetic, pharmaceutical, or nutritional product. The aforementioned examples 8-11 in the Ghosal patent also provide topical examples including moisturizing lotion (example 8), cold cream (example 9), skin rejuvenating lotion (example 10) and sunscreen (example 11) which all protect and suppress skin aging (column 1, lines 12-16 and column 7, line 13). The Ghosal patent also discloses said extract comprising Emblicanin A, Emblicanin B, Pedunculagin, Punigluconin, and Rutin (claim 8). Furthermore, Ghosal discloses said

extract comprising about 50% to about 80% of Emblicanin A, Emblicanin B, Pedunculagin, and Punigluconin (claim 8 and column 4, lines 55-60). These disclosures render the claims anticipated.

4. Though the reference is silent to the particular limitation, "inhibiting or decreasing the expression or function of matrix metalloproteases in the skin" of claim 5, it is however the position of the examiner that this limitation is an inherent property of the extract of *Emblica officinalis*. On page 4 of the instant specification, the applicant discloses that the said extract has significant collagenase inhibitory activity and can be used for regulating or improving the appearance of human skin. As mentioned above in paragraph 3 of the rejection, Ghosal discloses the same said extract used in the same topical manner whereby suggests that the products would thus be similar and have the same affect on skin. The limitation, "inhibiting or decreasing the expression or function of matrix metalloproteases", is inherent to the disclosures of Ghosal and renders the claims anticipated.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

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6. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148

USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining

obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

7. Claims 4 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Ghosal (USPN 6,124,268).

8. Ghosal includes the elements discussed above in paragraphs 1-4 of the rejection. However, Ghosal does not disclose the specific range of Rutin being less than 1% of the extract, but rather being about 5% to 15% (claim 8). The idea of combining the same ingredients, Emblicanin A, Emblicanin B, Pedunculagin, Punigluconin, and Rutin and changing the percentage of one or more of the ingredients flows logically from the prior art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to create a known composition by using the same ingredients in different percentages in order to optimize the composition. The expected result would be a cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition that would suppress the appearance of aging human skin.

Conclusion

9. Claims 1-8 have been rejected; no claims are allowed.

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Casey Rosenthal whose telephone number is 571-212-6097. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am - 5:00pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman Page can be reached on 571-212-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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